measures are being taken. A number of rainwater harvesting pits have been dug to tackle the problem of water logging and also to improve the ground water level.

5. Weekly meetings are being held with CPWD officials regarding completion of projects, maintenance, complaints etc.

6. Horticultural work is being done to give a fresh look in the hospital premises.

7. To solve water problem, dead wells have been energized and two new wells have been dug. Regular microbiological and chlorination checks are also followed regularly.

8. To improve the sanitation and waste disposal of VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital, the entire hospital premises has been divided into three zones and for each zone a committee headed by a CMO, assisted by a Junior Engineer of CPWD has been constituted for regular monitoring of the cleanliness related matters in the hospital premises.

9. Sanitation work of some of the wards/departments of the Hospital has been entrusted to M/s Sulabh International, an NGO working in this field.

10. An Infection Control Committee exists in the Safdarjung Hospital. The Hospital makes it a point to lift samples from different departments ranging from the ICU, Department of Surgery, Paediatrics, Post-Surgery ward etc., (i.e. wards highly prone to infections). The hospital conducts Point Prevalence Survey to monitor the hospital acquired infections rate. The result so obtained are utilized to formulate the antibiotics use in patients and strengthen the infection control measures. To ensure absolute responsibility in the implementation of the above, the "Hospital Infection Control Committee" under the Chairmanship of Medical Superintendent functions all the time.

Pineapple juice concentration centres

*615. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the pineapple juice concentration centres in different States of the country;

(b) the target and actual production of the North East Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation project at Nalkata, Tripura;

(c) the reasons for shortfall in production at the Nalkata project; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take?

*THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODHKANT SAHAY) (a) There are six registered pineapple juice concentrate centres in different States as per details given below:—

I. M/s Virat Crane Agro Tech, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

II. M/s Miracle Food Processors International Limited, Mallapuram District, Kerala

III. M/s Nadukkara Agro Processing Company, Avoly PO, Ernakulam District, Kerala

IV. M/s Mizoram Food & Allied Industries Corporation Limited, Aizwal, Mizoram

V M/s NERAMAC Limited, Nalkata, North Tripura, Tripura

VI. M/s Pasadensa Foods Private Limited, District Jalpaiguri, West Bengal

(b) Production of pineapple juice concentrate of Nalkata plant of North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC) in 2004 was 35.30 MT as against its annual capacity of 634 MT.

(c) and (d) Shortfall in production at the Nalkata plant is attributable to seasonality of raw material, low recovery ratio due to small size of pineapple, sluggish demand of the concentrate, lack of aseptic packaging, poor transport, lack of proper cold storage facilities, etc. In order to improve performance of Nalkata plant, the management of NERAMAC has identified several measures/options such as diversification of product portfolio, commissioning of a canning line, installation of new aseptic packaging, facility of cold storage to backup the plant with provision of minus 25 degree Celsius, overhauling of machineries, procurement of refrigerated vans for transportation, provision of better managerial and technical skills etc. In order to achieve the same NERAMAC Board has finalized a Joint Venture proposal to make necessary investment in this regard.